

## Michael and Margreta Hassler

**Hans Hassler** DOB 1530 and **Margreta Schoeny**; married 30 October 1565

**Michael Hassler** DOB 1571 in Walkringen, Switzerland and **Anna Krauchi** married 12 September 1589.

**Michael Hassler** DOB 26 October 1595 in Walkringen, Switzerland and **Barbara Steinman** married 13 March 1636/37.

**Christian Hassler** DOB 1643 and **Elsbeth Ramseyer** were married in 1680 in Grindlachen, Bern, Switzerland. Switzerland was a bastion of Catholic faith in the 1700s and Protestants were an unending problem for the government. Many faced persecution and even death. Yet the Swiss government did not want its citizens to leave, fearing economic or political turmoil from the loss of soldiers, agricultural and industrial workers. Still, they persecuted all not Catholics and if one left and returned, they were subject to loss of all they had the state deemed worth having.

In the 16<sup>th</sup> century when the Roman Catholic Church failed to heed Martin Luther's call to reformation and return to biblical doctrines and practices, the Protestant Reformation began with four major divisions including Reformed. One doctrine of the Reformation was that the Bible alone is the sole authority for all matters of faith and practice.

When our Michael immigrated to the colonies, particularly Pennsylvania, it was for religious freedom and the separation of church and state.

**Michael Hassler** DOB 1730 DOD March 1774 and **Margreta Hassler** DOB 1739

Michael Hassler (shown in lists as Michael Gassler) sailed from Rotterdam, Holland, on the Ship, *Ann* (a galley ship), John Spurrier, Master, carrying 242 passengers and freight from Basil, Wirtemberg, Zweybrecht and Darmstadt, docking at Cowes, England (to obtain fresh provisions) before marking the crossing of the Atlantic Ocean and arriving at Philadelphia **28 September 1749**, after stopping at Cowes, (approximately two weeks trip from Rotterdam) England. Once on board the ship, the passengers had to provide their own hammocks, bedding and food. Cooking was done on sand boxes on deck, weather permitting. Sources suggest Michael was born in Alsace near the city of Strasbourg. Michael probably came from the Canton of Bern in Switzerland. There is a record in the courthouse in Bern which makes note of Michael's father, Michael Hassler DOB 1681 of Walkringen, and mother, Magdalena Korman of Bumplitz, in the birth of a daughter, Elsbeth Hassler, born 24 April 1718 in Wuerttemberg, Germany, murdered in Westmoreland, Pennsylvania DOD 3 May 1759 by husband, Johann Andreas Leidig (Lydick) who apparently was hanged in 1759. Michael and Magdalena were married in 1716 in Strasbourg, Bas-Rhin, France. The passenger list of 242 states the passengers came from the district between Basel and Darmstadt, which would have included Alsace. Michael and Margreta were probably married before coming to America. Michael was Reformed Church and Margreta was Lutheran and as there were very few Lutherans in Switzerland, it is likely Margreta was from Alsace or some part of Germany and not from Switzerland. The sailing list of the *Ann* and also Michael Hassler's will, are preserved in the courthouse at York, Pennsylvania. A copy of Michael's signature is on page 471-Gen. 974.8-5 V2 at the Ft. Worth, Tarrant County Texas Public Library. The "H" in Hassler looks more like a "G." The original spelling of the name was Hassler, which also appears in the records as Hasler, Hosler, Hossler and Hostler, all of which are pronounced alike. When he arrived, he was about 19 and a weaver by trade and able to sign his own name instead of a cross. Approximately seventy percent of German-speaking immigrants came to Pennsylvania. They dominated numerically the counties of Northampton, Berks, Lancaster and York. Governor Patrick Gordon warned that the large numbers of "strangers" could endanger Pennsylvania's peace and security. A law was passed in 1727 due to concern of so many German and Swiss *foreigners* that an oath

of allegiance to the colonial government be taken on arrival in Philadelphia. Accordingly, when the ships unloaded their passengers, the men 16 years and older were marched in a body to the courthouse located at Second and High Streets where they signed their names and swore allegiance to the King of Great Britain and the government of Pennsylvania; a requirement that remained in effect until the end of the colonial period. Names of women and children and those too sick, did not sign. Michael is on List 139 C at the Courthouse at Philadelphia. Back at that time, it took about one day to walk around the town.

Michael's burial stone has not been found. He may have been buried in the graveyard of the 1st Reformed Church of York. Eventually, the gravestones were moved and placed in Prospect Hill Cemetery. Many of the stones were of a soft sandstone and have crumbled and become illegible. Michael had moved to York County after the birth of his youngest son, Abraham, buying a 126 acre farm in North Cordorus Township.

All five sons served in the York County Militia during the American Revolution. As in Virginia at the time, military duty was compulsory in Pennsylvania. All born within a span of 11 years, they served in Capt. George Geiselmon's Company, 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, York County Militia. See Pennsylvania Archives, 6<sup>th</sup> Series, Vol. 2 and 5<sup>th</sup> Series, Vol. 4.

Michael wrote his will on 04 February 1774 and it was probated 24 March 1774. His eldest son Joseph and his (Michael's) wife were executors. The land was not to be divided until his youngest son reached 18 years of age and then Joseph was to receive 150 acres and the second son, Michael, 60 acres. The family continued living on the homestead property and bought adjoining property and lived there almost 20 years after their father's death.

1. **Joseph Hassler** DOB 8 September 1750 Philadelphia DOD 31 March 1798 Peter's Township, Franklin County, Pennsylvania; married **Anna Maria (Mary) Roemer** 30 May 1775 First Reformed Church, York, Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of Johann Frederick and Anna Dorothea Mueller Roemer. Mary later married James Hamilton after Joseph died.
  - A. Anna Maria Hassler DOB 9 April 1776 DOD 1 November 1857; married John Bigger; nine children; buried 1<sup>st</sup> Reformed Church, St. Thomas, Pennsylvania.
  - B. Elizabeth Hassler DOB 10 February 1778 DOD 23 July 1840. Married Matthias Brindle; buried 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church, East Springfield, Erie County, Pennsylvania.
  - C. Johann George Hassler DOB 7 November 1779 DOD 25 November 1800
  - D. Magdalena Hassler DOB 23 April 1781 DOD; married David Morgan.
  - E. Joseph Hassler Jr. DOB 12 October 1783 DOD August 1829; married Mary Stump, daughter of Frederick Stump, DOB 1783 St. Thomas, Pennsylvania. Buried 1<sup>st</sup> Reformed Church, St. Thomas.
    1. Elizabeth Hassler DOB 17 July 1809
    2. John S. Hassler DOB 17 July 1810
    3. Frances Hassler DOB 23 May 1813
    4. Mary Hassler DOB 17 May 1814
    5. Joseph Hassler DOB 18 July 1816 St. Thomas, Pennsylvania DOD 27 March 1875 Massilon, Tuscarawas Township, Stark County, Ohio; he left Franklin County, Pennsylvania in 1839 for Ohio, traveling 7 days on horseback. Married 25 April 1839 to Charlotte Poorman DOB 12 May 1821 (possibly DOD 28 July 1900), also from Franklin County. Joseph occupied a high position in local affairs and served as school director for some time. He was one of the pillars in the Reformed German Church. Did leave a will.
      1. Mary A. Hassler DOB 1840
      2. Malissa R. Hassler DOB 1842; married John B. Schilling 13 November 1862.

3. John P. Hassler DOB 3 April 1844
  4. Hadessah A. Hassler DOB 1846 Tuscarawas Township, Stark, Ohio; married Winfield Dallas Oberlin June 1869. One son, Anson Leroy Oberlin.
  5. Lucinda Hassler DOB 1848
  6. Anson L. (Leroy?) Hassler DOB 23 July 1853
  7. Alice O. Hassler DOB 1855 Wayne, Ohio DOD 1938 Wayne, Ohio; married Calvin McDowell
  8. Ida C. Hassler DOB 1857
  9. Charlotta E. Hassler DOB 1859
  10. Emma C. Hassler DOB 1861
- F. Daniel Hassler (twin) DOB 18 May 1787 Codorus Township, York, Pennsylvania DOD 24 October 1839 Franklin County, Pennsylvania; married Elizabeth Brindle DOB 1792 DOD 9 May 1884.
1. Anna Maria (Mary) Hassler DOB 6 November 1812 DOD 8 September 1886.
  2. Joseph B. Hassler DOB 2 February 1814 Chambersburg, Pennsylvania DOD 5 October 1869 Ft. Wayne, Indiana; married 01 October 1839 Barbara Ann Edwards DOB 13 October 1820 DOD 17 July 1858.
    - a. James Beaver Edwards Hassler DOB 27 August 1840
    - b. Mary Elizabeth Hassler DOB 07 February 1843 DOD 31 December 1907
    - c. Anna Eliza Filson Hassler (twin) DOB 19 November 1845 DOD 02 August 1890
    - d. Charles Westley Hassler (twin) DOB 19 November 1845 DOD 07 January 1861
    - e. Rebecca Hamilton Hassler DOB 18 May 1852 DOD December 1940
    - f. Sarah Frances Hassler DOB 15 January 1854 DOD 07 December 1932
    - g. Joseph William Hassler DOB 18 August 1856 DOD 1872
    - h. Martha Jane Hassler DOB 20 July 1857 DOD 8 October 1857 at 3 months.
  3. Melcor Brindle Hassler DOB 1816
  4. John Hassler DOB 1819 Franklin County, Pennsylvania DOD 11 August 1889 St. Thomas, Franklin County, Pennsylvania; married Eliza Cunningham.
    - a. Calvin M. Hassler DOB 1842 DOD 1924
    - b. Laura E. Hassler DOB 1844 DOD 1866
    - c. Charles Cunningham Hassler DOB 25 October 1846 DOD 8 June 1910
    - d. Anna Hassler DOB 1849 DOD 1914
    - e. Demarcus Hassler DOB 10 July 1851 DOD 22 September 1821
    - f. Emma J. Hassler DOB 1854 DOD 1874
    - g. Charlotte Larue Hassler DOB 1856
    - h. John Brainard Hassler DOB 1859 DOD 1936
    - i. Henry Lincoln Hassler DOB 1861 DOD 1894
  5. Elizabeth Hassler DOB 18231
  6. Jacob Pering Hassler DOB 1823
  7. George W. Hassler DOB 1829 DOD 24 August 1829
  8. William A. Hassler DOB 1831

9. Daniel M.B. Hassler DOB 1832

G. Jacob Hassler (twin) DOB 18 May 1787 in Hessen, Germany DOD 29 July 1848 St. Thomas, Pennsylvania; married Elizabeth Kieffer DOB 17 March 1798 DOD 10 August 1856 on 11 April 1815.

1. Joseph Kieffer Hassler DOB 17 May 1818 DOD 04 March 1821; buried in Fairview Cemetery, Mercersburg, Pennsylvania.

2. John Peter Hassler DOB 23 June 1820 DOD 26 February 1877; married Amelia Matilda Herr DOB 1825

a. Matilda Maybury Herr Hassler DOB 10 January 1847; married Milton Henry Ritter DOB 1843 in 1868; 2 sons.

b. Alice Amelia Hassler DOB 09 July 1849 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania DOD 31 January 1854

c. Edwin Herr Hassler DOB 01 November 1851 DOD 16 March 1852

d. Gilbert Herr Hassler DOB 29 October 1854 DOD 09 April 1913

e. Sarah Elizabeth Hassler DOB 20 March 1857

f. Katherine Godman Hassler 30 May 1859

g. Daniel Herr Hassler 04 August 1863

3. Frances Ann Rebecca Hassler DOB 18 December 1821 DOD 04 September 1898 Rockdale, Pennsylvania; married Abram Kieffer

4. George W. Hassler DOB 04 April 1823 DOD 21 August 1824; buried in Fairview Cemetery.

5. (Reverend) Jacob Hassler DOB 25 August 1824 DOD 18 June 1910; married Matilda Stenger

6. Hannah Mary Hassler DOB 07 November 1826 DOD 18 June 1910; married George W. Ruby PhD DOB 4 July 1824, 14 December 1848 and had 13 children, only four of which survived their father.

7. Charlotte Hassler DOB 11 April 1828 in Mercersburg, Pennsylvania DOD 17 July 1898 in Germantown, Ohio; married Rev. Peter Cornelius Prugh DOB 13 September 1822, on 2 April 1852; DOD 3 June 1920; had 11 children, seven of which reached adulthood.

8. Jane Elizabeth Hassler DOB 02 July 1830 DOD June 1905; married Nicholas Ohmer

9. Melvina Etta Hassler DOB 15 March 1832 DOD 13 April 1904; married James Wilson

10. Daniel Kieffer Hassler DOB 07 December 1835 DOD 15 January 1924; married Kate R. Hanitch

H. **John Hassler** DOB 16 July 1790 DOD 1 August 1851; married **Sarah Shearer**.

I. Dorothea Hassler DOB 1 May 1793; married John Irons.

2. Christian Hassler DOB 28 August 1752 DOD 1813 in Monaghan Township, York County, Pennsylvania. Baptized at St. Michaels and Zion Lutheran Church 22 April 1753 in Philadelphia. Married Elizabeth Magdalena Heilman DOB 1758 DOD 1 January 1828. Christian was in Capt. George Geiselman's 7<sup>th</sup> Company, 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion under Col. Francis Jacob Remer, York County Militia. In 1780 was promoted to corporal, then sergeant in 1783 and ensign in 1783. Magdalena is buried near her son, Joseph, at Barren's Church Cemetery, Carrol Township, York County, Pennsylvania.

A. Joseph Hassler, died 1813.

B. Peter Hassler DOB 2 December 1778; baptized 20 December 1778 at Reformed Congregation of St. Paul's/Wolf's Church in York County, Pennsylvania.

C. John Christian Hassler DOB 23 April 1783 DOD 1865 Bloom, Seneca, Ohio; married Anna Mary Gaentzler.

1. William Hassler DOB 28 May 1826 Stark County, Ohio. DOD 26 January 1864. Married Elizabeth Hosler 18 November 1841 in Richland County, Ohio.

D. Michael Hassler DOB 8 June 1785 DOD 1829; married Anna Maria Glattfelder DOB 7 March 1789 DOD 25 May 1822, 24 April 1810 in York, Pennsylvania. She is buried in St. Paul's Wolf's Evangelical Covenant Cemetery in York, Pennsylvania, where many Glattfelders are also buried.

1. Henry Hosler
2. Michael Hassler DOB 1812 DOD 1829
3. Peter Hassler
4. William Hassler
5. Jacob Hassler DOB 1817 DOD 1868
6. Catharine (Cassia) Hosler DOB 20 June 1821 DOD 1832

Married Rachel Shanabarger 1824 Ohio.

1. George Washington Hosler
2. Elizabeth Hosler
3. John Hosler
4. Samuel Hosler DOB 1830 DOD 1880
5. Joseph Hassler
6. Michael Hosler DOB 1832 DOD 1916
7. Louis (Lewis?) Hosler DOB 1837 DOD 1892
8. Mary Ann Hosler DOB 1841 DOD 1892 (married Revert)

E. George Hassler DOB 22 October 1797; baptized 19 November 1797

F. John Hassler DOB 18 June 1807; baptized 2 August 1807

G. Margaret Hassler (possibly Magdalena DOB 3 February 1802) DOD January or February 1814; married Frederick Glatfetter

1. Polly Glatfetter; married \_\_\_Byertz

H. Mary Hassler

I. Wilhelm (William) Hassler DOB 3 October 1792; baptized 28 October 1792; Wilhelm Jung was sponsor.

J. Andreas Hassler 4 August 1795; Andreas and Magdalena Kleindinst were sponsors.

3. Michael Johann Hassler Jr. DOB 15 December 1751 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania DOD 04 September 1826 Roane County, Tennessee. Married Christina Maria Gieselman 1 December 1777. Christina DOB 1758 in Springfield Township, York, Pennsylvania DOD 03 February 1847 in Harriman, Roane County, Tennessee; was a sister of Capt. George Gieselman, 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, York County, Pennsylvania Militia. Michael served with Col. **George Washington** at the Battle of Brandywine and was later captured at the Battle of Germantown and held prisoner for three weeks before being exchanged. In 1801, he moved to Roane County, Tennessee. Christina applied for a widow's pension in 1841. All their children were born in York County, Pennsylvania. Both husband and wife buried at Swan Pond Churchyard in Roane County near Harriman, Tennessee.

A. Michael Hassler DOB 27 October 1787 York County, Pennsylvania DOD 23 January 1853 Tennessee. Married Agnes Scarbrough DOB 3 February 1787 Greenborough County, Pennsylvania DOD 14 June 1863 Tennessee.

1. Mary Hassler DOB 1806. Married Theodorick Green.
  2. Polly Hassler DOB 1810
  3. Emily Millia Hassler DOB 11 March 1811 DOD 22 June 1892
  4. Dicey Hassler DOB 24 April 1814 DOD 29 January 1890. Married Esau Funk.
  5. Simeon Oliver Hassler DOB 20 February 1820 Roane County DOD 8 October 1891 Kingston, Tennessee. Married Alice Crumbliss DOB 11 November 1821 DOD 4 February 1874, 2 August 1842 in Kingston. Simeon was a Justice of the Peace, a well-to-do farmer and miller.
    - a. Eliphalet F. Hassler DOB 11 December 1845 Swan Pond, Tennessee DOD 1 November 1920 Gurdon, Arkansas.
    - b. Mary Hassler DOB 1849; married Frank S. Sudath DOB 1838
    - c. Michael James Hassler DOB 27 April 1852 DOD 03 September 1914
  6. Michael Hassler IV DOB 1825. Married Chestina Knobblough.
  7. Jane Hassler DOB 1829. Married Samuel K. Richardson.
  8. Amanda Hassler DOB 1830. Married Samuel Borum in 1851
  9. William Hassler DOB 1832. Married Louisa Nichols
  10. Nancy Hassler DOB 1833. Married Thomas Dugger
  11. Mahala Hassler DOB 1834. Married Wiley Richmond
  12. Lydia Hassler DOB 1839. Married Michael Lower. Married Pleasant Borum.
- B. George Hassler DOB 2 February 1780 DOD 1822; married Mary Noon.
1. John Hostler DOB 1804
  2. Jacob Hostler
  3. Mary Hostler
  4. David Hostler DB 1817
  5. Joseph Hostler DOB 28 March 1822 DOD 16 July 1898; married Sarah Ellen Herbert 21 October 1845. Buried at Fawn Grove, Shrewsbury Township, York County, Pennsylvania. His father died before his birth and his mother at birth. Brought up by his oldest brother John. See The Hostler Family by John Dwight Kilbourne 1976 for the ancestry and descendants of Joseph.
- C. Maria Catherine Hassler DOB 8 December 1781
- D. Eva Margaret Hassler DOB third week of March 1783
- E. Margaret Hassler DOB 13 July 1785
- F. John Hassler DOB 10 December 1787
- G. Adam Hassler DOB 1789
- H. Daniel (Nathaniel) Hassler DOB 17 April 1791
- I. Abraham Hassler DOB 5 January 1799; married Nancy.
- a. Martha Hassler DOB 1822 in Knox County, Tennessee; married James Hufstедler.
4. Magdalena Hassler DOB 1756; married John George Lau DOB 18 January 1754, son of Peter Lau, DOD 20 Feb 1808 and had nine children.
  5. George Jacob Hassler DOB 14 November 1758 in Marion Township of Philadelphia County DOD 24 May 1837 in Straban Township, Adams County, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Was a weaver and soldier in the Revolutionary War (1780-1782). He was a fife in Capt. George Gieselman's company. He played the fife (flute) which kept the military formation in pace and conveyed signals.

Married Elizabeth Roemer DOB 28 October 1761 DOD 28 March 1841 on 25 June 1781 at the First Unity Reformed Church in York, Pennsylvania. Elizabeth was the daughter of John Friedrich and Catherine Lanius Roemer and half-sister of Anna Marie Roemer, who married Joseph Hassler. Later married Barbara Rommel. Buried in the graveyard of Trinity Reformed Church of Gettysburg (part of the **battle of Gettysburg** was later fought on his property in Adams County, then part of York County, Straban Township, which was four miles northeast of Gettysburg) and the stones later moved to the Citizens Evergreen Cemetery.

- A. Johannes Hossler DOB 29 April 1782 DOD 02 September 1842 Atlas, Michigan
  - B. John Frederick Hossler DOB 08 September 1783 DOD 30 December 1843, Marlboro, Stark County, Ohio, age 60 years, 3 months, 22 days. Buried in St. Peters Cemetery in Stark. Married Mary Magdalene Kaltredder in 1805.
    1. John Frederick Hassler DOB 3 April 1826 DOD 2 February 1877; married Emilie Hassler DOB 01 February 1826 DOD 10 October 1873. Buried Berks County, Pennsylvania.
  - C. George Hassler II DOB 05 August 1785 DOD before 1830
  - D. Michael Hassler III DOB 29 September 1787
  - E. Jacob Hassler DOB 29 August 1789 DOD before 1840
  - F. Henry Hassler DOB 1790
  - G. Daniel Hassler (twin) DOB 19 October 1791 DOD 06 April 1829; married Mary Slentz. Mary Slentz, widowed, remarried I.E. Foulkes and had seven more children.
    - a. George Washington Hossler DOB 1818
    - b. Jacob Hossler DOB 1819; married Susanna Vink DOB 1819 and had ten children.
    - c. Elizabeth Hossler married Jacob Beck
    - d. Jeremiah Hossler DOB 1824; married Hannah Jones
    - e. Daniel Franklin Hossler DOB 1825; married Margaret Jones
  - H. Joseph Hassler (twin) DOB 19 October 1791
  - I. Lydia Hassler DOB 14 September 1795 DOD 08 February 1842
  - J. Cathine Hassler DOB 05 August 1803 DOD 22 March 1805
  - K. Christian Hassler DOB 3 December 1805 DOD 6 February 1862 in Johnsonville, Maryland.
6. Abraham Hassler, a weaver, DOB 4 October 1761 Philadelphia DOD 17 May 1803 in Cordorus Township. Married Christina Bortner, daughter of Georg Bortner, DOB 22 December 1759 DOD 12 June 1832 of Morrow, Ohio in 1782. Christina (widow) moved to Morrow, Ohio with her daughter Catherine and her husband, Peter Gaverick and other members of her family in 1832. Christina was buried with her son George at St. John's Evangelical and Lutheran Church near Johnsville, North Woodbury in Morrow County. Abraham was a private during the Revolutionary War in Capt. George Geiselman's company. The county was characterized by the large number of pacifists living within. Quakers, Menonists and Dunkards in the county made it difficult to fill up the companies.
- A. Magdalena Hassler DOB 12 December 1785; baptized 22 January 1786.
  - B. Jacob Hassler DOB 1783 DOD 1832
  - C. Joseph Hassler DOB 31 August 1799
  - D. Elizabeth Hosler DOB 5 May 1788 DOD 5 September 1835; married Jacob Rhul
  - E. Barbara Hosler DOB 1790 DOD 1843
  - F. Christina Hosler DOB 1792 DOD 1843
  - G. George B. Hosler DOB 1794 DOD 1863

- H. Catharine Hosler DOB 1796 DOD 1864; married Peter Gaverick.
- I. John Hosler DOB 1798 DOD 1843